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Via Electronic Filing

Commissioner Brendan Carr
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC

Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Commissioner Carr:

I appreciate the FCC's recent Orders that removed cumbersome federal hurdles to broadband. Your work is helping open the door to increased investment and innovation in our community.

I also appreciate your efforts to establish some common-sense standards insofar as it relates to fees associated with the deployment of small cells. Unfortunately, we have seen a cottage industry of consultants emerge who have wrongly counseled communities to adopt excessive and arbitrary fees.

This approach results in nothing more than telecom providers being required to spend limited investment dollars on fees as opposed to spending those limited resources on the type of high-speed infrastructure that is so important in our community.

Much like city leaders and planners, our industry partners who are helping to grow our economies are looking for consistency and stability as they make investment decisions.

Your work with your colleagues on the Commission is key to establishing that consistency and stability, and I applaud your efforts to limit exorbitant fees and needlessly lengthy review processes.

I look forward to working with broadband providers to enhance our community, and I appreciate your leadership on this important debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashton J. Hayward III".

Ashton J. Hayward III
Mayor